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Pioneer Citizen Passes Away

Mr. Wm. Lacey, Old Settler, Successful Farmer and Faithful Husband and Father Dies at Broken Arrow.

Two miles from Broken Arrow lived William Lacey on one of the best cultivated farm tracts in the state, which he had acquired by honest toil, economy and perseverance. For 14 years he, with his family of seven children and a faithful and loving wife, had lived; and being industrious, had prospered until his holdings ran into four figures. But death, who is no respecter of persons, visited this happy home on January 25 and laid its hand upon the brow of the head of the household and called him from time to reward.

Mr. Lacey had been more or less confined to his bed for the past year with a complication of diseases, but his illness had not been considered so serious as to cause his death, and therefore when the end came it was a surprise to his family and friends. Mr. Wm. Lacey was one of the old school and an early pioneer in this state, settling first at Muskogee 23

years ago. He was born in Alabama and on coming to the territory married a native, she being a woman of high character and intelligence. All the years of their married life have been spent in peace and contentment, which was only terminated by the hand of death.

Mr. Lacey was the father of seven sons and daughters, to-wit: Mrs. Eliza Hughes and Mrs. Rebecca Agness, 614 South Baltimore, Tulsa; Mrs. Georgia A. Woods, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Jessie Durant, Boynton; Mrs. Rosie McIntosh, Alsuma; Wm. Lacey, Jr., and Billy Lacey, Broken Arrow, all of whom are left to mourn his sad loss as father and protector. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church and of the Grand Army Post at Broken Arrow. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Smith McChristian, his pastor, and his remains laid away in the Thos. Smith cemetery.

The sorrow for the dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced. Oh, the grave!—the grave! From its peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections. Such we offer to the bereaved widow, Mrs. Cynthia Lacey.

Bristow News

Bristow, Okla.,
February, 1914.

Mr. Editor:

The Star is always a welcome visitor, and we never think we have the news until the Star has been read. The writer and Rev. J. W. McKenny conducted services at Saint Johns Church last Sunday. It was a day wholly for the Woman's Missionary Circle, preaching by Rev. McKenny, Rev. J. H. Washington, and many were the chickens that lost their lives. The I. L. N. is organized and in good working order and the following claims have been recently paid: James Soders, Mamie Mitchell, Theodore Johnson, Rev. G. W. H. Hopewell, Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw and many others.

Dr. Wakefield, our genial physician, is always on the go, and when he gets there with his pill bag you generally get well.

Our Judge Chappelle never has to consult a volume to tell you when the law has been violated. When in need of legal service don't forget him.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Mrs. Macey Griffin, Mrs. Matilda Brown, Wash. Sanders and Henry Williams and many more are heavy property owners. Much real estate is changing hands, and later will keep you posted as to what the negroes are doing in that line.

Mr. H. F. Pyles was the lucky bidder in getting contract from the Indian agent in building two modern structures for Shawnee and Nancy Harry, Indians, thus demonstrating the ability of the negroes to keep pace with modern and present conditions.

The First Baptist Church of Bristow is building a new church. Being pastorless, a call will be made Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in February. Preachers take notice.

Prof. Shields and Mrs. Mitchell are busy with the little folks and the three R's, and great things are in store for the little folks some day.

The farmers are busy preparing the land for gardens and farms. The writer and his best half planted onions today and the watchword is "more education on right lines, more hogs and hominy, a better citizenship and a contention for all that is due us under the American constitution."

Mr. Editor, if this misses the waste basket you will hear from this section again.

Fraternally,
AFRICANUS.

Nellie Simmons, Rbert Vaun, Mrs. Elmira Kelley, r. Clara Hardeman, Mrs. H pkins, Mrs. M Jerdan, Mrs. Pearl Nelson, Mattie J Adams, Mrs. O. Monrowe, Mrs. Grace George, R. D. Lawson, Mrs. Partee, Cora B own, Fanny Lowery, Mrs. Singer, Lee Curtis, Mrs. Callie Tucker, Mrs. Josie Haggart, Shakespear Johnson, W. M. Kin, Mrs. Vaun, Mrs. Cora Mackey, J. I. Lockart, Guss Taylor, Mrs. Martin Oliver Frazier, Carrie Grass.

We feel that the people of Tulsa are beginning to realize that the STAR's ends for those things looking to the moral intellectual and financial betterment of the community, and eventually we will rely on our own. Read this list of subscribers and resolve that your name will be in the next list which will be published next week.

Local Bus. Men to Hold Own Doings

Will Meet Every Monday Night and Raise Funds to Entertain State League This Month

The local Business League meeting last Monday night was especially an interesting one, and while not so largely attended, was nevertheless entertaining and enthusiastic. We believe that it is the pivot upon which all our business enterprises and public institutions should revolve and receive inspiration and encouragement.

The topics discussed were timely and of vast importance to our community and citizenship. Dr. Bridgewater led off with the discussion of "Civic Improvements." The Doctor brought out some salient points in favor of better fire protection, improvements on streets and alleys, the proper regard for sanitation, and appealed to his audience to higher respect in the general improvement of our homes and surroundings. He was followed by Mr. C. W. Henry, who told of his efforts as special health officer to bring about these improved sanitary conditions.

Prof. Hughes, the president, discussed "The Needs of a Public Library." His talk was along the efforts being made to secure a portion of the funds voted for library purposes, and aroused considerable enthusiasm. He was ably supported by talks from Lawyer Martin, J. B. Stradford and Lawyer Jones.

Next came a splendid presentation of "The Demands for a Free Dispensary and Public Hospital," by Dr. J. M. Key. The Doctor has had this

important movement in mind for some time and had thought of some definite plans which he presented to the League.

The Star reporter is in hearty accord with all the suggestions made, and believes that the Tulsans will bend every force to bring the hospital to a living reality. Additional suggestions and words of commendation were made by Lawyer Jones, C. W. Henry, Mr. J. H. Lewis, Lawyer Martin, Mr. Chas. Warren and others. It was the consensus of opinion that all the enterprises mentioned above were essential and necessary to the comfort and convenience of the east end populace, and that all honorable, just and fair means should be put forth to obtain them. It was decided to hold weekly meetings of the League in order to further agitate and formulate plans for the prosecution of the projects and requirements of our people.

A committee consisting of Mr. Chas. Warren, Dr. J. M. Key, Mr. H. D. Evans, Dr. R. T. Bridgewater, Rev. J. F. Kersh, Mr. O. W. Gurley, Dr. C. Deorman, to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the State League, which meets here on the 26th inst.

Now is the time for all Tulsans to show their liberality of purse, and thus enable the committee to impress our distinguished guests with the enterprise and progress of our city. The League will hold regular meetings every Monday night.

Harlow Brokerage Store Continues Record Sale

One of the biggest sales ever pulled off by any merchant of this city is now going on at the Harlow Brokerage Store on South Main street. The sale began last Friday morning with a record breaking crowd of eager shoppers who had read the slaughtered prices advertised in the papers of this city and on bills which had been circulated for miles around. The Harlow Brokerage Store is doubtless the best known store in the city because it is the most extensively advertised. During this sale it has been necessary to employ fifty additional clerks to handle the crowds which daily flock into the store. Mr. Harlow has just recently purchased an unusually large stock of goods at figures which make it possible for him to offer to the public bargains that make the average merchant ponder in amazement and envy. He is a good buyer and of course a good seller.

These sales are almost monthly occurrences at Harlow's, but the present sale eclipses any former sale ever put on by this store. A host of pretty girls and handsome men (including

Mr. Harlow himself) are employed to wait on the shopping public and see that everyone is accorded courteous treatment and the best service possible. All of this is noticeable and appreciated by the thousands who are daily taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities of this sale.

To the residents of the rural district as well as the citizens of Tulsa this sale affords rare opportunities, and one has only to see the great crowd attending this sale to know that it is fully appreciated.

Speaking of the sale yesterday Mr. Harlow said: "We are well pleased with the attendance at this sale, but what is more important to us, the public is pleased. We have been a little short of help and could not serve everybody as promptly as we like, but the public has been very patient and considerate so far." The sale will continue a week or ten days more.

NOTICE

Stop selling your land to go to Africa and let the Texas "Cheap Money Man" get you money on it at 5 per cent on 7 years time. He is in the city now and ready to lend you money in any amount.

WHITE MEN WOULD WED RICH COLORED GIRL

Jim-Crow Laws and Race Discrimination Forgotten In Greed For Riches

At Taft, Oklahoma, 10 miles west of Muskogee, there lives a colored girl 14 or 15 years old, whose income from her oil wells is something like \$15,000.00 a month. Her name is Sarah Reector—She, of oil fame, is among the wealthiest in the state. Her wealth, however, is not much out of the ordinary for the dark skinned lads and lasses over in that part of the state, but if reports are true, Miss Reector has something more than her income to occupy her mind. According to pretty good authority, she has a host of suitors seeking her hand in marriage, and they are not all negro suitors either. Some of them are white men, some of whom voted for the Grandfather clause and the Jim Crow law of this state, but who are perfectly for this little negro girl's money, to marry her, and if they could, would do so. There are scores of negro children

in Oklahoma getting large sums of money monthly from oil wells, but this money, in almost every case, goes into the hands of white men, who care little or nothing for their wards except for what money they get by reason of their guardianship over them.

In a country like this where the negro is "Grand claused," "Jim crowed" and otherwise unjustly discriminated against, it is hardly to be expected that a white man would be just and fair with negro minors, and for that reason, if for no other, the courts of this state should take the color line a little further and appoint only colored men guardians of colored children. Under the conditions existing in Oklahoma it is nothing less than criminal to do otherwise.

What judge would appoint a negro guardian of a white child?

ers, W. H. Furrie, Mack McGill, J. B. Bell, E. J. Jolly, R. C. Young.

CITY

Mrs. Mable Allen, Mrs. Cynthia Donely, Mrs. Daisy Rivers, Miss Eugene Johnson, Miss Wesley Butler, A. McConnell, Mrs. Mollie Martin, M. Millia Dallas, Mrs. Myrtle Carter, B. Rutledge, Mrs. Moncy Watkins, Mrs. S. R. Reed, Miss Blanch Clay, Mrs. Mary Swan, P. H. James, Miss Charlotte Higgins, Mrs. Julia A. Garland, Mrs. F. D. Wright, Mrs. Annie Young, Mrs.

See Us Grow

The following named persons have subscribed for the Star since our last issue:

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